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SUBJ: SPAIN-USSR RELATIONS: MFA OFFICIAL DISCUSSES MOSCOW VISIT

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (AGUIRRE DE CARCER) HAS GIVEN POLITICAL COUNSELOR FOLLOWING RUN-DOWN OF HIS SEPTEMBER TALKS IN MOSCOW.
2. TALKS COVERED VARIETY OF ISSUES, THOUGH THEY EXCLUDED DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF FOREIGN TRADE PROBLEMS SINCE SPANISH FELT THAT THEY HAD BEEN WELL DISCUSSED IN EARLIER VISIT TO MOSCOW BY HIGH-LEVEL MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL. AGUIRRE AND ASSOCIATES HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET MFA OFFICIALS IN EUROPEAN, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND AFRICAN BUREAUS, AS WELL AS IN SOVIET MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION. AGUIRRE MENTIONED HE HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZEDKOV.

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3. AGUIRRE'S MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO EXPLAIN SPANISH POSITION

ON SPANISH SAHARA DISPUTE IN AFTERMATH OF MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. ACCORDING TO AGUIREE, SOVIETS LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY TO HIS PRESENTATION AND EXPLAINED THAT SOVIET POSITION ON SHARA DISPUTE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF SUPPORT FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1973 UN RESOLUTION ON SAHARA AS LONG AS UN PROCEDURE NOT USED BY SPAIN AS DEVICE TO DELAY DECOLONIZATION. AGUIRRE COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS HAD LEFT HIM IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE STICKING TO THIS POSITION PRIMARILY TO PLEASE ALGERIANS.

4. AGUIRRE SAID ONE OF MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY SOVIETS WAS THEIR DESIRE TO CHANGE FORMAT OF SOVIET REPRESENTATION IN MADRID. SOVIETS HAD EXPLAINED THAT STATUS OF THEIR REPRESENTATION IN MADRID AS TRADE MISSION GIVES THEM SOME INTERNAL BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS. RANKING SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN MADRID, THEY EXPLAINED, IS FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE RATHER THAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH THEY CONSIDER UNDESIRABLE AS IT GIVES TOP MFA REPRESENTATIVE (BOGOMOLOV) INADEQUATE STATUS, SOVIETS SOUGHT GOS CONCURRENCE TO REORGANIZE THEIR REPRESENTATION AS "CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL MISSION" SO THAT RANKING MFA REPRESENTATIVE COULD USE TITLE OF CONSUL GENERAL. FOR REASONS HE DID NOT EXPLAIN, AGUIRRE SAID GOS UNABLE TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO SOVIET PETITION AND MATER LEFT UNRESOLVED FOR TIME BEING.

5. COMMENT. AT PRESENT TIME SOVIET REPRESENTATION IN MADRID, ALTHOUGH IT INCLUDES FOUR DIPLOMATS, IS NOT CONSIDERED AS A DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR OFFICE. MFA, THEREFORE, DOES NOT LIST IT IN THE OFFICIAL "LIST OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS" WHICH INCLUDES THE "CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIONS" OF THE OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (THE GDR IS ONLY EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY WITH OFFICIAL TIES WITH SPAIN AND RESIDENT AMBASSADOR). SOVIETS UNDOUBTEDLY CONSIDER THEIR SITUATION TO BE QUITE IRKSOME, IF NOT DEMEANING, AND HOPE TO HAVE THEIR MISSION UPGRADED SO THAT IT WOULD BE TREATED IN SAME FASHION AS OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

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